



Pocket Reflectors for Cycling

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TOOLS:

- [Pen or pencil \(1\)](#)
- [Rotary cutter \(1\)](#)
[optional](#)
- [Ruler \(1\)](#)
- [Scissors \(1\)](#)
- [Sewing machine \(1\)](#)



PARTS:

- [Pants with back pockets \(1\)](#)
- [Fabric \(1\)](#)
[small scraps](#)
- [Paper or cardboard \(1\)](#)
[standard letter paper size is fine](#)
- [3M Scotchlite Plus Retroreflective Vinyl \(1\)](#)

SUMMARY

Sew some pants pocket reflectors to gain visibility for night cycling. They tuck into the pockets for storage and then flip out easily and quickly for riding.

Step 1 — Pocket Reflectors for Cycling



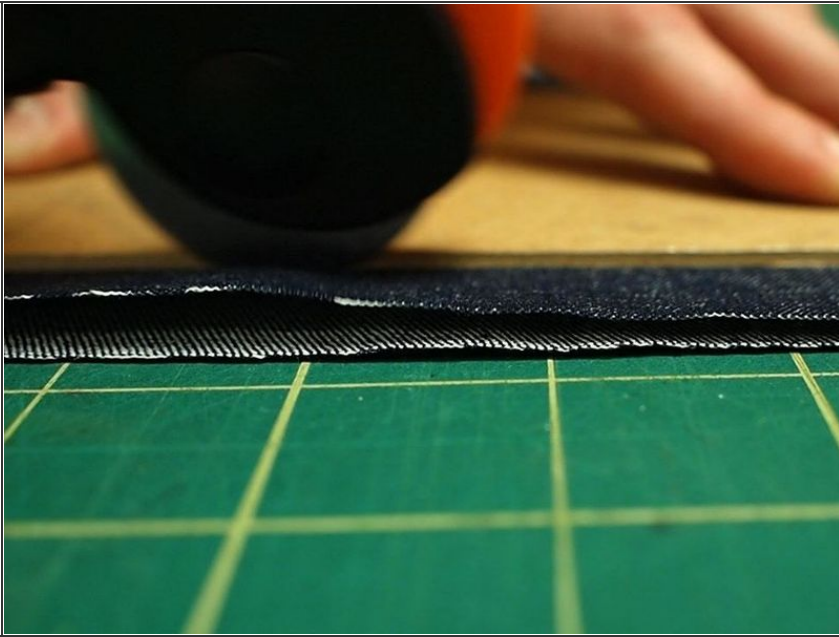
- Gather tools and materials.

Step 2



- Create a paper or cardboard template that fits inside your pants' back pocket.
- Add 3" at the top for the fold-over flap.

Step 3



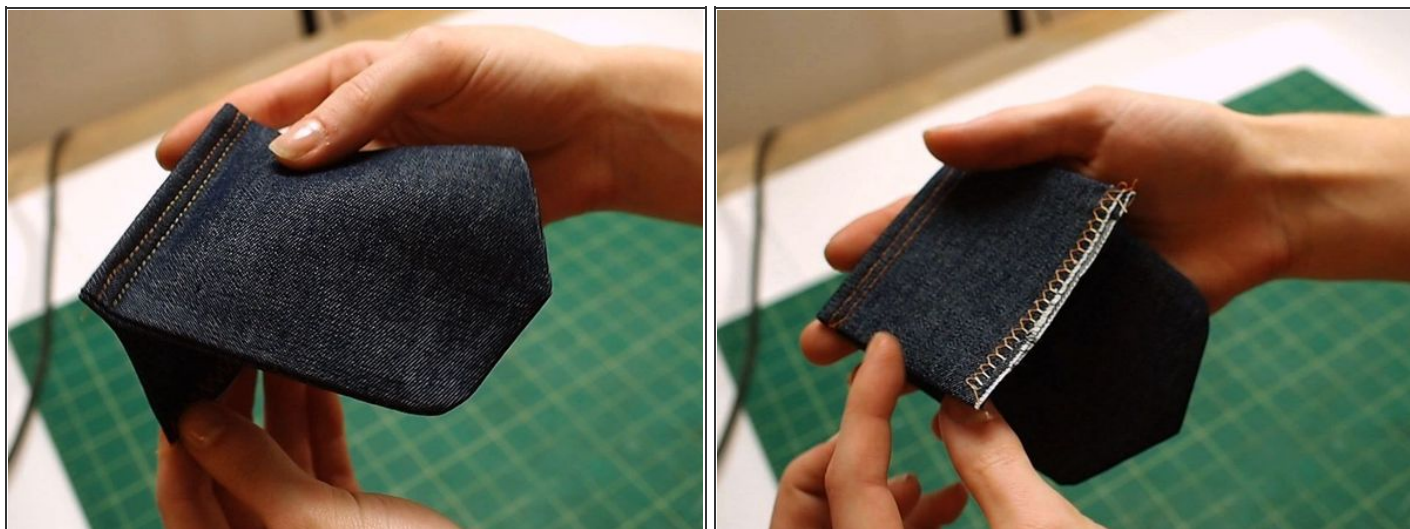
- Cut around your template through two layers of fabric with its right sides together.

Step 4



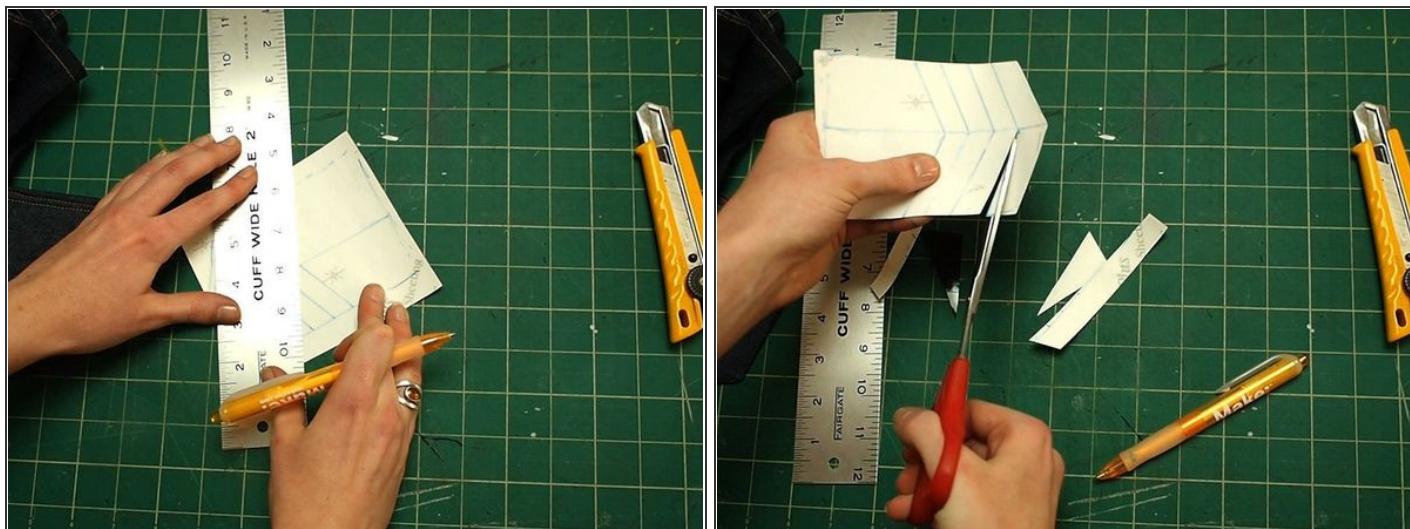
- Stitch around most of the edges, leaving the short flat "top" open.
- Invert and press.

Step 5



- Fold over the top of the flap and stitch across both layers twice.
- Run a zigzag stitch over the raw edge to prevent fraying.

Step 6



- Draw your design on the back of the reflective vinyl and cut out the shapes.

Step 7



- Affix the adhesive-backed vinyl to the fabric flap.

Step 8



- Tuck the short part of the flap into your back pocket.
- Secure the flap to the body of the jeans from within the pocket with two safety pins.

Step 9



- Wear outside at night while you ride your bike!

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